

~~Claim~~ 5, line 1, change "claims 1 to 4" to read -- claim 1--;

~~Claim~~ 6, line 1, change "claims 1 to 5" to read -- claim 1--;

~~Claim~~ 9, line 2, change "claims 1 to 5" to read --claim 1--;

#### REMARKS

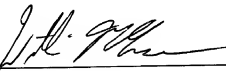
Claims 3, 5-6 and 9 have been amended to refer to only one preceding claim. Each of the dependent claims, as amended, now depends on only one preceding claim. Therefore, no additional fee is required for multiple dependency.

The Abstract from the international application (PCT/FR99/01990) has been inserted on a separate page.

Prompt, favorable action is solicited.

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